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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP

REF: CAIRO 3997

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN DEC. 17
AND HANDED HIM A LETTER WITH TEXT OF THE MESSAGE IN REFTEL
AND LEFT WITH HIM THE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF THE SECRETARY'S
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2. ANDERSEN READ IT CAREFULLY AND SAID THAT IF THE KISSINGER PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTED "IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE OF US DANES." HE MENTIONED THE MEETING OF THE EC FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS DEC. 17 AND 18 AND SAID THAT THE PROPOSAL MIGHT WELL BE CONSIDERED THERE. IN FACT AS SOON AS HE HAD HAD THE ADVICE F THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTRY (WHOSE MINISTER - NORGGAARD - IS CHAIRING THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING) HE WOULD DECIDE WHETHER TO PUT THIS MESSAGE ON THE WIRES TO THE DANISH DELEGATION AT BRUSSELS.

3. AS I WAS LEAVING ANDERSEN TOLD ME THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE SECRETARY'S KIND WORDS TO AND ABOUT HIM LAST WEEK IN BRUSSELS. HE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE LEAVING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY VERY SHORTLY SINCE IT APPEARS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT (IN WHICH HIS PARTY WILL NOT PARTICPATE) WILL BE FORMED THIS WEEK. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE HAD ALREADY ASSURED HARTLING, WHO WILL PROBABLY BE THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, AND BAUNSGAARD, WHO MAY HAVE A SUPPORTING ROLE, THAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WOULD NOT CHANGE THEIR FOREIGN POLICY EVEN WHEN THEY WERE IN OPPOSITION. HE EXPECTED TO BE THE PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION SPEAKER ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES IN THE NEW FOLKETING.

4. COMMENT: AFTER AN EXTREMELY STRENUOUS WEEKEND AND DEPSITE A CONTINUING HEAVY SCHEDULE, ANDERSEN APPEARED RELAXED AND BUOYANT WHEN I SAW HIM. HE HAS GREATLY ENJOYED THE ATTENTION HE HAS HAD IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS WHEN DENMARK WAS IN THE PRESIDENCY OF THE C COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT HE HAS DONE A GOOD JOB IN HIS ROLE. HE IS DISAPPOINTED THAT HIS LEAVING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOW MEANS THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. ANDERSEN IS, HOWEVER, PROBABLY GOING TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DANISH POLITICAL LIFE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HE COULD CONCEIVABLY RETURN TO A HIGH POSITION IN ANOTHER SOCIAL DEOMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. DUNNIGAN

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